

WEATHER—Rain to-night; Thursday fair, colder.

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MURPHY AT LAST DROPS SHEEHAN; NEW CAUCUS CALLED FOR MONDAY TO SELECT COMPROMISE CANDIDATE

DELAYED BY WEATHER
Only Crew on Deck as Timber Smashes Down Near Saloon Skylights.

WHITE LINE
INDICATE

EDITH IBBOTSON

The lightning came along at 6 o'clock yesterday morning just after the Oceanic had run into a brisk thunder shower. The hour and the rain together had conspired to keep even the early-rising passengers below and the decks were practically deserted except for a few members of the crew, when there was a crash of thunder and huge flare of flame close at hand.

**GIRL'S BRAIDS
SNIPPED OFF ON
WAY TO SCHOOL**

The bolt hit the foretopmast, a wooden stick twenty-five feet long and eight inches thick at the base, which is stepped to the top of the stumpy steel foretopmast and snapped it off short at the butt with such violence that the tough steel itself was split down lengthwise for a distance of several feet.

Man Follows Her in Long
Island City and Does
Deed Swiftly.

Dropped Near Skylight.
The shattered timber dropped backward with a rousing smash upon the superstructure just about the forward skylights, narrowly missing the glass dome over the stair well in the main saloon. Then it clattered overboard. For a second or two the air flung with electric

When Eva Abbottson, the fourteen-year-old daughter of Joseph Abbottson of No. 7 Court street, Long Island City started for school today she had her brown hair done up in two heavy braids a foot long down her back. They were

ty and little flocks of fire—so the startled sailormen said—played about the exposed metal work. The wires of the searchlight, too, were in flames, which was, largely ornamental, also served to uphold the apparatus.

The racket overhead brought nearly everybody out of his or her berth standing up and a few scarcely-bitten women came to the deck. The sailors on the deck prepared to give an imitation of a panic at sea should there be the slightest excuse for such an exhibition.

But except for the wreck of the *fore* topmast and a few deep dents in the hull, the ship had drifted on. It was to show that anything unusual had happened, and the big ship was not even slackening her gait. So the panicky ones returned below and became calm and rational. It was after midnight that the sailors and the fireless people succeeded in getting their machine in working order again.

Before she had gone a block the little girl noticed that a big man was walking very close behind her. She hurried ahead without looking back at him. Every time she slackened her pace he caught up with her. So at last she ran and when she looked back he was not in sight.

Theatrical People Aboard.
There was an unusually large number of theatrical people aboard. Ethel Levy, the actress, after spending four years in Paris, returned the proud possessor of the very gown she says—while Gaby de Lys wore on the occasion of her first meeting with ex-King Manuel of Portugal.

Miss Levy is going to sing and dance at the new Folies Bergere. So is Jeanette Danabier, a little French dancer who has a record as an amateur basketballist.

On Broadway, between Hudson and Sherman streets, Eva noticed a woman looking at her curiously. The girl stopped and put her hand up to her hair to see if the ribbons were out of order. Her braids were both gone, snipped off close to her head. Eva had not felt the slightest tug at them. She leaned against a lamp-post and cried, and Brown gathered until Eva ran home. Her father took her to the police, as she has given them as much of a description of the man as she can.

GRISCOM GOES AWAY FROM ATLANTIC CITY

Miss Lina Furlth, who has been playing in London musical comedies for eight seasons, came back, too. Her father, the Mayor of Phillipsburgh, Pa., was at the pier to meet her. Jacques Charles of the Olympia in Paris, the youngest theatrical manager in Europe, and Ernest Rotterdam, head of the big Continental production companies, made the trip to

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Detectives Watched House.
The detectives after hearing his story, arranged to keep a watch on Mr. Corwitt at his home and his office. Price did not appear again until this morning when Miles and Cain, who were watching Mr. Corwitt's home, saw him later outside the house. They were close by when Mr. Corwitt stepped out and as Price approached Miles caught him by the arm, reached into his pockets and secured the revolver and

He and His Father Leave Note in Room and Secretly Disappear.

There was a lot of friendly gossip aboard about Miss Hazel Matchett, pretty little New York girl who, according to the stories, had been shipped back from England by a cable message to marry a rich banker's son from some town near Chicago.

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Price did not resist, but said he would kill Mr. Corwin as soon as he was released. A charge of carrying concealed weapons was entered against him.

Policeman Louis Price of the Liberty avenue station in Brooklyn is the prison's butcher and only inmate. The last time he saw Alfred was about two months ago. At that time the man seemed to have the insane notion that Mr. Corwin intended to poison him.

"I'll have to get him, or some day he'll get me," Alfred told his brother.

The policeman endeavored to dissuade him from this idea, and apparently succeeded.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., March 22.—George C. Griscom Jr., who for weeks has been subjected to close scrutiny because of the belief that he was connected with the disappearance of Dorothy Arnold, has secretly left this place with his father.

Found Shot In Head.

Policeman Mallen of the West Thirty-seventh street station found an unidentified man, chronologically at the foot of West Nineteenth street about 6 o'clock this morning. By his side was a small calibre revolver, and there was a bullet wound in his temple. Dr. Kent took the man to Bellevue. He is about forty-five years old, wore dark clothing, and had \$2.25 and some keys in his pockets.

SKELETON SHOWN TO JURY TO PROVE WOMAN'S INJURY

Fair Plaintiff Then Bares Own
Shapely Arm to Show
She Can't Bend It.

Justices Dowling and Gerard and Herman Ridder to Be Considered for Senatorship in Plan to End Long Deadlock.

VICTORIOUS INSURGENTS NOW AGREE TO CONFER

Sheehan Warned by Murphy That Support Is Withdrawn Declares He Will Fight to the End.

Charles F. Murphy to-day yielded to the insurgents and sent word to William F. Sheehan that the support of the Tammany legislators would be withdrawn from him in the Senatorial fight now going on in Albany.

Sheehan sent back the angry reply to Murphy that he would not get out of the race, but would go into a new caucus and fight for the nomination, standing on his merits. Tammany men predict that under those conditions Sheehan will get less than five votes in the new caucus, which is to be held to-morrow night.

A conference of the leaders at Albany to-day fixed for 9.30 o'clock next Monday night.

FIRST AIRSHIP SMUGGLER FALLS WITH AEROPLANE

Italian Aviator Flying Over
Mountain With Contraband
Comes to Grief.

NORTHERN BANK DIVIDEND
Sixty Per Cent. to Be Paid
April

The Evening World learns that the State Banking Department is making arrangements to pay depositors in the Northern Bank the first dividend of their claims. The payment will be made early in April.

It will be good news to the Northern Bank depositors that the dividend will be in the neighborhood of 40 per cent. This excellent showing indicates that the depositors in the defunct Robin institution are likely to get all their money back.

GENOVA, March 22.—The first attempt to use the aeroplane for smuggling will likely result in the death of an Italian aviator named Steneroffe. He is in the Genova hospital today, with both legs and his collarbones broken and suffering from exposure to the cold.

Steneroffe came to grief yesterday while flying over Mount Genovs with a cargo of dutiable goods when he was attempting to bring in from Italy. His machine fell and was wrecked. Badly injured, Steneroffe lay all night in the snow and was found today by customs officers, nearly dead in the cold.

Sunday World Wants Work
Monday Morning Wonders

When seen at Tammany Hall at noon today Murphy admitted attending conference at Delmonico's last night and declared that he expected the result of that conference would be a speedy termination of the deadlock.

"There is a desire on the part of everyone," said Murphy, "for a speedy settlement of the Senatorial question. A conference is to be held by the legislators this afternoon and I expect it will be followed by a caucus which will decide upon a candidate who will be satisfactory to all."

Shoehan's Defiant Statement.

Shoehan was at his office in Washington street all morning, but refused to see reporters. In answer to the query as to whether he would withdraw or have an statement to make regarding the resignation, he sent this reply through his secretary:

Mr. Sheehan will not withdraw and does not expect to issue any statement. It is learned that earlier in the morning Murphy sent a member of his advisory cabinet to Sh. Tan, asking him to withdraw from the fight in the interest of peace and in order to restore what measure of party harmony is possible. Sheehan's reply was the same as he has given to Murphy for the past two weeks.

"Tell Mr. Murphy that I have not changed my mind. No circumstance or combination of circumstances can induce me to withdraw from this contest. It is not so much my own candor as the fact that I have become the embodiment of a great principle."